

others and in doing so losing his own? Their sacrifice will never be forgotten.

This October, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, as it has every year since its creation by Congress in 1992, will lead a nationwide effort to remember America's fallen firefighters through a variety of activities. Since it began, the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend has been an opportunity for a grateful nation to offer a tribute to firefighters who have died in the line of duty.

When people come to Washington, DC this year, we will celebrate the lives of 442 firefighters from 34 states who made the ultimate sacrifice. In some way, they have touched all our lives. They came from every walk of life, but were united by a calling to serve. For all of us, including myself, the tragic deaths of the 347 firefighters who rushed into the World Trade Center towers, give added poignancy to this year's memorial. Even more so because, forty of these brave men and women called my district home.

Living in the shadow of the World Center, the days after that tragic day were filled with funerals, wakes, and memorial services. Remembering those difficult days, I know the rest of the New York delegation shares my appreciation to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation for their efforts to coordinate resources from across the country to provide logistic and peer support to the New York Fire Department's Counseling Service Unit after September 11. They mounted an unprecedented response effort to help families and co-workers through the critical early days and are now providing long-term emotional support for the fallen firefighters' families.

At the same time, it is important to remember that when we remember those who gave their lives, it is not just out of sadness, but it is also with a sense of pride. In these troubled times they evoke the courage of the American spirit. And we take comfort in the fact that our firehouses are still filled with brave men and women, waiting to answer that call to duty. For that we will always be grateful. Mr. Speaker, it is my hope that all of our colleagues will support this important resolution.

#### IN SUPPORT OF TAIWAN'S BID TO RETURN TO THE UNITED NATIONS

### HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 3, 2002*

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support Taiwan's bid to return to the United Nations. It is my understanding that a number of member-states have renewed their request that the UN General Assembly reconsider this legitimate and timely request. Taiwan is a vibrant multiparty democracy that serves as a beacon of hope to East Asia's population—most of which lives under the tyranny of authoritarian regimes. As the world's oldest and most enduring democracy, the United States has an obligation to voice its strong support for Taiwan's 23 million people to be represented in the UN. In just five decades, Taiwan has transformed herself into an established democracy as well as one of East Asia's economic "Tigers." It is inconceivable

to me that a peaceful, democratic member of the international community has not yet been offered membership to the UN. Taiwan is a peace-loving country that embraces the core values of democracy—liberty, justice, the rule of law and respect for basic human rights. Moreover, Taiwan is willing and able to carry out all UN Charter duties and obligations. With respect to the Chinese mainland, Taiwan has repeatedly sought a peaceful settlement to the political issues of concern to both countries. In recognizing Taiwan's peaceful intentions, the UN must encourage a dialogue between the two countries. Indeed, granting Taiwan UN membership would be an important first step toward permanent peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait. I urge my colleagues to support Taiwan's bid to return to the United Nations.

#### TRIBUTE TO TYSON BARNES

### HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 3, 2002*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute today to the late Tyson H. Barnes, Sr., of Kemp, Texas, who passed away in July at the age of 83. Tyson was a lifelong resident of Henderson and Kaufman Counties, a decorated veteran of World War II, a respected and dedicated teacher for more than 30 years and a beloved member of his community.

Tyson was born March 4, 1919, in Henderson County, the son of Robert H. and Lalla Tison Barnes. He graduated from Kemp High School in 1937 and entered the Army Air Corps in 1941, serving 29 months in the Pacific as a B-17 and B-24 pilot. His distinguished service resulted in his being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, and a Presidential Unit Citation.

After the War Tyson returned to Texas and received a Bachelors degree from Sam Houston State Teachers College and later a Masters degree from East Texas State University. He was employed by Henderson County Junior College for five years and in 1953, he joined the faculty of Kemp High School, where he taught Vocational Agriculture for 30 years. His legacy includes having taught several fathers and sons—and at one point, six of the seven School Board members had been students of his.

Tyson was a state president of the Future Farmers of America and a long-time member of Calvary Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon for many years. Later, he joined the First Baptist Church of Kemp.

Tyson is survived by his wife, Marie Barnes; daughter and son-in-law Marsha and Bill Walsh; son Tyson Barnes, Jr., brother John W. Barnes; grandchildren Braden and Brennan Barnes; a niece and nephew; four great nieces and two great-great nieces. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Frances Bland Barnes; brother Leslie Barnes; and sisters-in-law Alma Barnes and Doris Barnes.

Mr. Speaker, Tyson was a longtime friend of mine who distinguished himself in all that he did—in his service to our Nation in times of war, in devotion to his family and community,

in dedication to his calling as a teacher. Throughout his more than 30 years as a teacher, he influenced countless young people and helped instill in them the importance of hard work and of education—and he leaves behind a powerful legacy in Kemp. As we adjourn today, let us do so in celebration of the life of this outstanding man—Tyson Barnes.

DR. BENJAMIN REED

### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 3, 2002*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise to recognize the passing from this life of Dr. Benjamin Reed, Physician Emeritus of Fulton County, Ohio. Dr. Reed joined our Creator on August 13, 2002 at the age of 80 years.

Born in West Virginia, Dr. Reed's grandfather was a country doctor, visiting his patients by horse and buggy. After receiving a teaching degree from Concord College in his hometown of Athens, Dr. Reed entered the United States Army. He served in the Pacific Theatre for three years, receiving both the Purple Heart Award and a bronze star. After his discharge he went to medical school, completing his medical degree in 1950. He then decided to open his practice in Fulton County, serving as Delta's doctor for 46 years! He even managed a two year stint as the village's mayor. Moving to Wauseon in 1974, Dr. Reed served as the medical director of three Fulton County nursing homes while continuing his Delta family practice.

In addition to his medical service to the people of Fulton County, Dr. Reed was a community leader. He was past president of the Fulton County Health Center's medical staff, where he served on the Board of Directors for eighteen years. He was a past president of both the Fulton County and Northwest Ohio Heart Associations; a member of both the Delta and Wauseon Chambers of Commerce; president of the Fulton County Medical Society and member of the Toledo Lucas County Academy of Medicine, the Ohio State Medical Association, the American Medical Association, and the Peer Review Organization in addition to volunteering in several other health related programs. All the while, he served Fulton County as coroner for 38 years.

If the measure of a man is the goodwill of his community, then Dr. Reed was peerless. A physician in the purest sense of the word, he was also a humanitarian, civic-minded, and a man of faith. He was well known and beloved by everyone, and his life touched countless people through the years. Those whom he met were made better for having known him.

Our condolences turn now to his wife Penny and their children David, Tom, and Nancy, and grandchildren Peter and Molly. May their love for this truly great yet humble man sustain them in their loss while memories offer some small comfort. May it hearten those grieving Dr. Reed's passing to know that the legacy he carefully built over nearly half a century will go on.